

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 ~~means~~^{unit} A record and replay apparatus comprises a transducing
~~means~~^{unit} for reproducing a digital signal from a medium. A control^{unit}
~~means~~ controls a reproduction mode of the apparatus. A decoding
~~means~~^{unit} is coupled to the transducing^{unit}~~means~~ for decoding the digital
 signal and deriving therefrom a signal indicative of a specific picture
 type. The reproduction mode has a first period of reproduction at a
 10 normal play speed and a second period of reproduction at a speed
 greater than the play speed. The first and second periods alternating
 with the first period initiated responsive to the signal indicative of a
 specific picture type. In a further arrangement a first transducing
~~means~~^{unit} records an MPEG signal. A control^{unit}~~means~~ generates a signal,
 15 indicating an intra coded frame occurrence in the MPEG bit stream,
 which is recorded by a second transducing^{unit}~~means~~ together with a
 servo reference signal.